

Dunkeel July 1859

My Dear Peter Stewart

I came to Dunkeel on the 24 of May
and as your last letter arrived in Dundee after I left
it William sent it here after me - We were all glad and
grateful for the information which Dr. McKinnon's letter
gave us concerning poor John - And we now present you
and Dr. McKinnon through you our united and cordial thanks for
the kind and Christian interest you are both taking in John's case
- It is also matter of gratitude to God that his mind is so far calm
and regular that he can be associated with other inmates on the Asylum
who are of a docile disposition and quiet habits - and therefore requires less
severe treatment -

I would have written you sooner were it not for waiting
till I would have the pleasure of seeing Mrs Stewart as before
she has said she would see me in Dunkeel before I would leave
it for Glasgow in reference to her own boy with my son D. in Glasgow
- Mrs Stewart was the length of Kelloggwie some weeks ago along
with her husband - and requested me to accompany them on account
of a some what difficult affair - between themselves and Mrs Stewart
sister Mrs Duff who had taken with her five years ago a little girl
of Mrs Stewart's - the girl being then about four years old - and the Aunt
and attempted to alienate the child's mind entirely from her Parents and
the rest of the family - in order to have ^{her} more securely attached to
herself as her adopted daughter - but the idea of separating this child
so entirely from the rest of the family as well as from the Father Mother
appeared to the latter so grossly unnatural and unscripturally absurd
that the Parents at last came to the determined resolution of carrying off
their child whether the Aunt would consent or not - Under these cir-
cumstances in sympathy with Mrs Stewart I accompanied them to Kellogg
and with some difficulty their purpose was accomplished - And as I
would not consent to accompany them to Alhol in the Gig on that
occasion

Occasion Mrs Stewart requested me not to leave Dunkeld till she could have the opportunity to come again to Dunkeld and have a personal conversation with me about her boy &c &c. As I thus expected Mrs S. in Dunkeld soon and as I am assured she could give me a correct information regarding your Aunt which information I know will be interesting to your Mother and Yourself I thought it advisable to wait a little for this satisfactory information concerning her — and I have now the satisfaction to say that Mrs Stewart was here yesterday and told me she saw Janet Robertson last week. She is in her ordinary health and able to go about. She came to Oakfield as she does occasionally to see Mrs Stewart and is to give her a day soon at Leasing wood. Janet's strength is so much failed now that she cannot wash or do her own clothes. She employs a neighbour to do that. I came to Dunkeld partly on account of a dear Christian female who has been long an invalid and a young widow now for eleven years and in poor circumstances. Her brother died a little before I left Dundee leaving two Orphan Girls for whom I made application to get them into the Orphan House in Bristol where my Daughter Christina is one of the official "helpers". She has the charge of the Infant Department in that Institution. And I am glad to say we have succeeded and got the Girls entered there on the 16 of June last. There was nothing to pay for them to the Institution. The only expense incurred was the fare by Railway for themselves and a friend who had them in charge and her returning expense. I threw up the gift on her return amounting to £7.77 and got it presented to the Parochial Board of their Native Parish and we are hopeful of getting the full amount or rather the balance as we have already got £5 from that Board as towards the traveling expense.

I cannot say much about the flourishing state of genuine Piety or heart Religion in this locality with regard to the Community as a whole. Although at the same time I am satisfied there are here as in Sardis a few Names "who know the grace of God in truth" — but in connection with different Denominational bodies of professed Christians — yet walking worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing — being fruitful to their degree in good works — Strengthened by grace unto all patience in afflictions and

long suffering with joyfulness - giving thanks to the Father of mercies
who has made us all meet to be partakers of the inheritance of
his Saints in light - Having delivered us from the power of dark-
ness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his Love Col. 1:12

Now you will observe I have adopted the language of Paul regarding
himself and Timothy and the faithful brethren who were in Christ
at Colosse - because Paul affirms that himself and his fellow
believers were then already translated into the kingdom of Messiah
the beloved Son of God - which of course must be acknowledged
was then set up or commenced 1800 years ago - seeing Paul and
his believing companions were then delivered from the power of
darkness and translated into this kingdom of light - I am the
more particular on this point - because there are a few individuals
here a small remnant of a Baptist Church which existed once in Dunkeld
- but who now has imbibed certain new notions from "vain conceits"
Zealots who pretend to bring us "new light" regarding the second coming of
the Lord Jesus - but whom from the Scriptures they quote and by
the Advocates who publish their views on this pretended new light - seem to me
much in the same position as Paul viewed and declared the case of certain individuals
in his day who pretended to be teachers of the Law - but "who neither understood what
they said nor whereof they affirmed" - therefore such ignorant pretenders
lead their followers into new darkness by mystifying the Scriptures more
than explaining them - The few in Dunkeld who have imbibed these
so called "new light" notions - will neither stand nor sit - to discuss them
with any other party of not out and out of their own views of the prophecies
of the extension of the Kingdom of Christ in the latter days - but their views
in my humble and decided opinion is darkening counsel by words without
knowledge - And like the Jewish Nation Ancient and Modern
who still entertain the notion of a Temporal instead of a Spiritual
Kingdom under the reign of Messiah the King of Kings and Lord of
lords - and would have all others believe like themselves that at Christ's
coming the second time - He will make Jerusalem the Capital
of his Universal Kingdom on earth and there reign personally in
his

in his Natural body of human flesh - the same as he suffered
and died in - with all its natural concomitants as a temporal reign
on Earth - But such fabulous unscriptural degrading notions
concerning "The King of Glory" are so grossly absurd that I feel
no inclination either to stalk or write on such consensual
forgeries on the declarations of Christ and his Holy Spirit of Truth "and
no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light -
therefore it is no great thing if his Agents also be transformed to
work his purpose - whose end shall be according to their works -
- But God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness (as
I humbly trust) hath shined in our hearts to give the light of
the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ
- Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth
itself against the knowledge of God - and bringing into captivity
every thought to the obedience of Christ - "This kingdom is
not of this world" not of a temporal human Constitutional organization
- But is Spiritual in all its Laws and principles and tendencies
- The Love of God in the heart of every Subject being the Subduing
power and Captivating attraction of the affections - and the Love of
one another the practical exhibition of it - which is alike the
great and ultimate object of the first and second Commandment as
enunciated by both the Law and the Gospel

Remember me with kind regards to your Mother and the
rest of the family - and with best wishes for you all

Yours very Cordially

James Robertson

P.S. I intend leaving Dundee on the 4th of next month for Glasgow my
address there will be at Mr D. Robertson's, Bence's Street
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Glasgow